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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Government what the recommendations of the Committee are with regard to the future of these societies in the four districts? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The report of the Committee has been received and it is under the consideration of the Government."

Distribution of sugar in the Chingleput district.

* 83 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the distribution of sugar in the Chingleput district has been entrusted to the Village Food Committees;

(*b*) if so, whether it is a fact that these Village Food Committees are considerably handicapped in distribution work on account of orders passed by Government or the Revenue Board or the Collector granting special quotas of sugar either to individuals or to institutions from the quotas sent to the Village Food Committees; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government propose to take to see that Village Food Committees are recouped to that extent to enable them to distribute sugar to the general public?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Government, Sir, whether the allotments made by the village committees are subject to ratification by any higher authority or whether they are final? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Generally they are final but in cases where bulk allotments have to be made, the Revenue Divisional Officer may give his opinion, but the matter will not be generally interfered with."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that the Collector and the Board of Revenue grant special quotas of sugar to institutions or individuals? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As far as I am aware, they do not do so. But, if the hon. Member wants further information, I can call for it."

SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" May I ask the Hon. the Minister whether the distribution of sugar in the several districts is left entirely to the Revenue Department? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is left generally to the Collectors of the districts and they make the allotments. Sometimes, they are helped by the Revenue Divisional Officers with regard to these allotments."

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SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" May I inform the Hon. the Minister that the village committees do not at all come into the picture in the matter of distribution of sugar, as it stands at present ? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No. The village committees do have a share in the distribution."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" As a member of the District Food Committee and the Taluk Food Committee, I know for certain that special quotas are being given by the Collector and the Revenue Board on account of which the taluk committees and the village committees are very greatly handicapped, so far as distribution of sugar is concerned. So, may I request the Hon. the Minister to enquire into the matter and find out whether special quotas are being given and if so whether he will try to compensate for the special quotas that are being given ? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not generally so in the districts. Perhaps in Chingleput being very near Madras, it may be that what the hon. Member has said is a fact but I may assure the hon. Member that I shall call for the information."

The Tungabhadra Project.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether disputes have arisen between the Governments of Madras and Hyderabad, on technical matters relating to the construction of the Tungabhadra Project ;

(*b*) if so, what are the points at dispute ;

(*c*) whether the disputes have been referred to an arbitrator; and

(*d*) if so, what are the arbitrator's awards ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There is some difference of opinion on technical details between the Chief Engineers of Madras and Hyderabad.

"(*b*) the points on which there is difference of opinion are (i) nature of the mortar to be used in the construction of the dam (ii) design of the spillway, (iii) design of overflow and non-overflow sections of the dam, and (iv) contraction joints.

"(*c*) No. They were referred to a Board of Engineers appointed by the Governments of Madras and Hyderabad with Sir M. Visvesvaraya as Chairman, and Diwan Bahadur N. Govindaraja Ayyangar, Special Chief Engineer, Madras Government, and Mr. S. M. Younus, Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Hyderabad Government as members.